

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to service of process; amending s.  
 3           48.031, F.S.; providing for service of process when  
 4           the only address discoverable through public records  
 5           for a person to be served is a virtual office or an  
 6           executive or mini office suite; providing definitions;  
 7           providing an effective date.

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 9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 48.031, Florida  
 12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           48.031 Service of process generally; service of witness  
 14           subpoenas.—

15           (6) (a) If the only address for a person to be served,  
 16           which is discoverable through public records, is a private  
 17           mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive or mini office suite,  
 18           substitute service may be made by leaving a copy of the process  
 19           with the person in charge of the private mailbox, virtual  
 20           office, or executive or mini office suite, but only if the  
 21           process server determines that the person to be served maintains  
 22           a mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive or mini office  
 23           suite at that location.

24           (b) As used in this subsection, the term "virtual office"  
 25           means an office that provides communication and address services  
 26           without providing any dedicated office space, and the term

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27 | "executive or mini office suite" means an office that provides  
28 | communication, dedicated office space, and other support  
29 | services. In both types of offices, all communication is routed  
30 | through a common receptionist.

31 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.